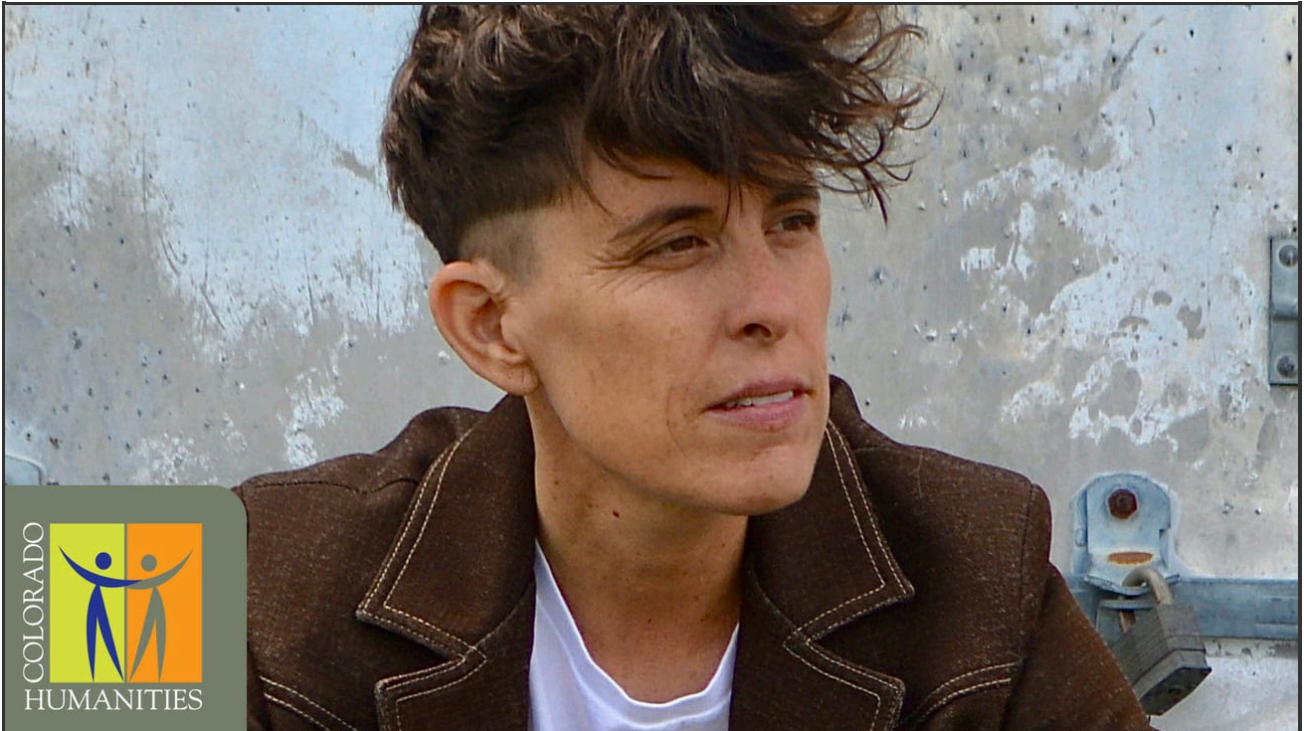




April Awakens: Dive into Poetry Month!

Colorado Humanities <info@coloradohumanities.org>

Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 12:21 PM



Colorado Humanities Newsletter

April 16, 2024

Happy National Poetry Month from Colorado Humanities!

"Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month is a special occasion that celebrates poets' integral role in our culture and that poetry matters. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, families, and—of course—poets, marking poetry's important place in our lives."

We're excited to share an update on Colorado Poet Laureate Andrea Gibson's work, including one of their poems titled "Tincture" linked below.

TINCTURE

Since their start as Poet Laureate in September 2023, Andrea has done 14 media interviews, 12 literary events, seven K-12 school presentations across the state, and has reached a total of 2,740 people! We look forward to continuing our support of this incredible poet! Please reach out to info@andreagibson.com to request them at an event, and please join us in celebrating the gift of poetry this month.

Mary Hickey

Director of Programs & Center for the Book

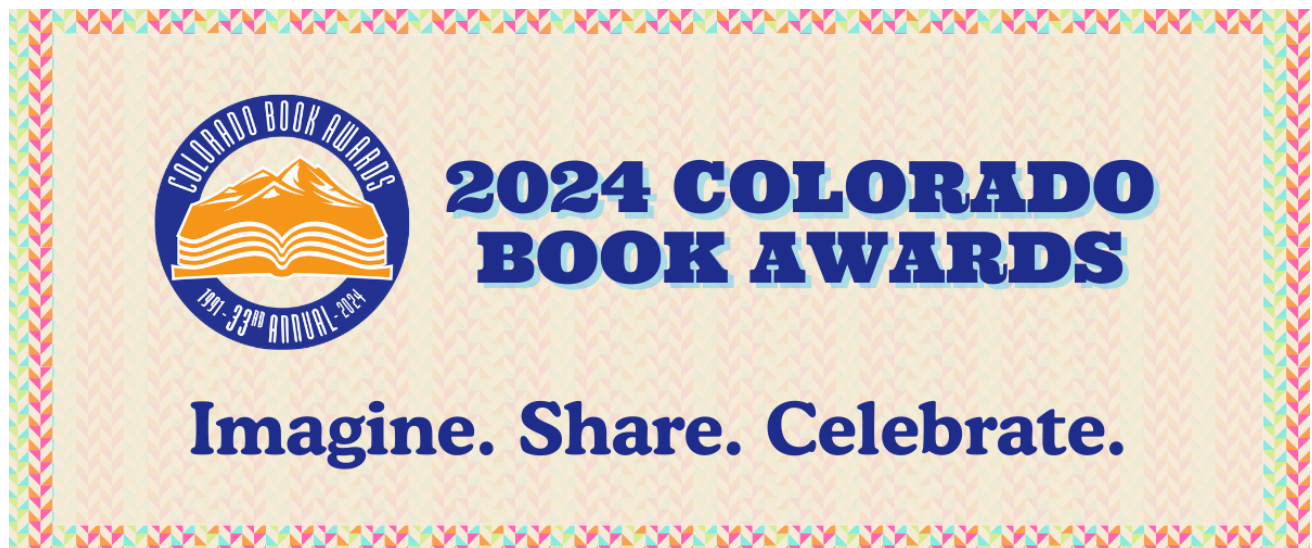


Colorado Humanities is dedicated to providing and supporting humanities programs and events throughout our state. With feedback from friends and partners, our current program plan was implemented in 2019. It's time to review our strategic goals and determine how we might best serve the people of Colorado during the next five years. **We would love to have your input!** Your unique perspective will help us develop our vision for the future.

To show our appreciation for your participation, those who provide an email address when **completing the survey** will be entered into a drawing to win one of the following:

- a one-year subscription to NEH's *Humanities* magazine
- two tickets to the 2024 Colorado Book Awards Celebration
- a Colorado Book Awards winning book

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your valuable insights.



CBA Finalist Announcements

All of this year's categories have been announced! Visit our **social media pages** to view the finalists for the 2024 Colorado Book Awards. The 2024 Finalists Celebration and Winners Announcement will be on Friday, June 21, 2024 at the Tivoli Turnhalle Theater at the Auraria Higher Education Campus. Tickets for the public go on sale May 1!

Announcing New Associate Director

Sarah Olivier, Ph.D., is the new Associate Director of Colorado Humanities. She believes stories tell us where we have been, who we are, and where we are going. She sees the humanities as vital to envisioning our individual and collective futures. Sarah brings experience as the owner of a consultancy that maximizes the capacity of nonprofits and foundations through program evaluation, grant writing, and storytelling reports. Before starting her own business, Sarah was a humanities academic who researched, published, and taught about early American literature and histories. For over a decade, she collaborated on inclusion initiatives and program development in higher education. Join us in welcoming Sarah to the team!

Upcoming Film Screenings

The Five States of Colorado screenings continue throughout the state with the next one taking place in Ouray on May 17 at the Wright Opera House at 7 p.m. Stay after the screening for a community conversation. Find more information about the screenings on our [website](#).



Upcoming Motherread/Fatheread Colorado 3-Day Training Institute in June

Motherread/Fatheread Colorado will hold its annual 3-day training institute June 25-27, 2024 in Denver to train new facilitators to work with groups of parents and

families of children from infants through early elementary school age. These certified facilitators will be prepared to use the Motherread/Fatheread curriculum to help parents engage children in reading and story-sharing in a way that supports early literacy skills. Contact Karen Murphy at karen@coloradohumanities.org or 719.440.5884 for more information.



Museum on Mainstreet Yampa Opening Celebration

The Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (MoMS) exhibit *Crossroads: Change in Rural America* opened in Yampa, Colorado on March 16, igniting excitement throughout the town. Over 100 enthusiastic people attended the grand opening event, held in the newly renovated town hall building. Displayed in four different buildings, guests delved into the diverse aspects of Yampa's rich culture and history. The exhibit, a highlight of the town's calendar, will continue to captivate visitors until April 20, before moving on to its next destination in Ignacio, Colorado.

ROSA PARKS

COLORADO HUMANITIES PRESENTS

FEB

BLACK HISTORY LIVE

2024

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Black History Live Recording

Earlier this year, Colorado Humanities and Aurora Public Library teamed up for an electrifying Black History Live event on February 9, bringing to life the legendary Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr. For one night only, both characters, portrayed by actors/scholars Becky Stone and Marvin Jefferson, shared their stories and engaged in a lively Q&A, both in and out of character, leaving the audience with a deeper understanding of their friendship and the events that shaped them into the people they became. If you were not able to attend, you are in luck! The recording of the event is now available to [watch and experience for yourself](#).

More News

Community Mixer with Natalie Diaz

Join [Word: A Storytelling Sanctuary](#) on April 24 at Redline Contemporary Art Center at 3 p.m. for the opportunity to meet poet Natalie Diaz, author of *Postcolonial Love Poem*, connect with fellow artists and arts organizers, and explore community writings and artistic

Lighthouse Writers Lit Fest

Lit Fest is an eight-day celebration of writers and readers, an extravaganza of weeklong and weekend advanced workshops, craft seminars, readings, salons, business panels, agent meetings, and parties. This year, Lit Fest takes place June 7–14 in Denver, offering

creations inspired by *Postcolonial Love Poem* through Denver Big Read gatherings over the past six months. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to info@thewordfordiversity, and if you have not reserved your ticket for Natalie's keynote talk April 24 at 7 p.m., tickets are still [available here](#).

Pikes Peak Literary Awards

The Literary Awards celebrates literary excellence in the Pikes Peak region with local authors and literacy advocates. This year, Mark Lee Gardner, winner of the 2023 Colorado Book Award in History/Biography, will be awarded the Frank Waters Award for his recognition of the people, culture, and landscape of the American West. The award luncheon will be on June 1 in Colorado Springs and tickets can be purchased on the [Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District website](#).

Please contribute!

We hope you are inspired to donate to our work. The interest and insight you express by your support are important, and your contribution is an investment in Colorado.

[Donate](#)

over 100 craft seminars and Two-Day Intensives with John Cotter, Anna Qu, Sarah Elizabeth Schantz, Trent Hudley, Suzi Q. Smith, and many more authors. Tickets and passes are available on the [Lighthouse Writers Website](#).

Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal Accepting Nominations

The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal, administered by the American Library Association, is awarded annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished informational book published in the United States in English during the preceding year. The award is named in honor of Robert F. Sibert, the long-time President of Bound to Stay Bound Books, Inc. of Jacksonville, Illinois. The deadline for submitting works is December 31, 2024. For more information, visit the [Association for Library Service to Children website](#).

Thank you to our sponsors



NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE
HUMANITIES



**BUELL
FOUNDATION**
Investing in Colorado's Future



Weld Community
Foundation



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
CENTER FOR THE BOOK



**THE
COLORADO
SUN**

THE Durango HERALD



University of Colorado
Foundation



Unite for Literacy



ARAPAHOE
LIBRARIES



Northern Water



**Robert Hoag
Rawlings**
FOUNDATION



**The Community
Foundation**
GREELEY AND WELD COUNTY
LITTLER YOUTH FUND



DENVER WATER



COLORADO
Colorado Water
Conservation Board
Department of Natural Resources



Cache la Poudre River
National Heritage Area



**The Nature
Conservancy**



**THE
WELD
TRUST**



**COLLEGIATE
PEAKS BANK**
Division of Glacier Bank



Smithsonian



[Unsubscribe](#)

Colorado Humanities, 7935 E. Prentice Ave, Ste. 450, Greenwood Village, CO 80111, United States